(d) The Committee has stated in its report that since the Committee did not have an opportunity to look into the basic documents relating to the borrowers which would be available only with the overseas offices, it was not in a position to comment on the status and standing of the borrowers, their repaying capacity etc.

Investment in F' series debentures of ML

2446. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT;
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Rangarajan Com-mi.tee Report on the loans provided by Indian Banks abroad for investment by Non-resident Indians and Companies into the 'F' series Debentures Issue of Reliance Industries Ltd.;

(b) if so, what were the amounts advanced by each of the banks with the mames of each of the individuals and'or companies to which banks gave loans;

(c) what are the names of the individual Directors, shareholders and addresses of each of these borrowers to whom the banks advanced such loans; and

(d) what was the date of registration. paid-up capital and the total assets of h of the companies prior to the giving of such loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARO: (a) Yes, Sir.

ih) to (d) The Rangarajan Commistee has indicated in its report that the oversets branches of bank of Baroda had graated advance;, aggregating US $ 33.7 million to 236 non-residents of Indian nationality origin and 66 companies predominantly owned by non-resident Indians for acquiring 'F* series debentures of Reliance Indusries Ltd. (RIL). Besides, the London branch of Canara Bank made advances to the extent of about US $ 1.4 million to seven non-residents of Indain nationality|origin for the same purpose.

Particulars regarding the individuals! companies to which the overseas branches of Indian Banks gave loans, etc. are being collected and to the extent information is available and permissible in accordance with the law, practices and usages customary amongst bankers, will be raid on the Table of the House.

Blacklisting of companies engaged in economic offences

2447. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of Goyern,-ment to discipline the corporate sector companies indulging in defrauding Government through various manipulations and economic offences by blacklisting such companies and by denying finance through nationalised banks, financial institutions and import and export licences;

(b) whether the companies which haw been issued notices by the Department of Revenue to pay alleged concealment of income-tax, customs duties and other economic abuses are also included in the blacklist and denied financial support; and

(c) whether the companies issued with such notices by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in 1985-86 and 1986-87 have been included in this list and if so, what are the names of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ((SHRI B. K GADHVI); (a) to (c) Companies which wilfully and persistently default substantial amount of taxes receive less preferenetfal treatment warranted by such default. The list is reviewed

periodically by a Committee of Secretaries. The list undergoes changes frequently because some companies pay off the dues and their names get deleted from the list while some others whose accumulated arrears cross the cut-off limit of Rs. 5 crores or 5 per cent of the tax paid for the period concerned whichever is higher, get into the list.

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2348. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :**
श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 27 अक्तूबर, 1987 को उनके विभाग की हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में उनके अधीन कार्यरत 12 संस्थानों में से केवल दो संस्थानों के अध्यक्ष और प्रबन्ध निदेशक उपस्थित थे और शेष संस्थानों के अधिकारी न तो उपस्थित थे और न ही उन्होंने बैठक में उपस्थित न होने के लिये कारणों को स्पष्ट करते हुए मंत्री या सचिव महोदय को कोई सूचना दी थी, हांलांकि विभाग ने इस बैठक में भाग लेने के लिये इन सभी संस्थानों को लिखा था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उनमें से कुछ ने राज भाषा अधिनियम के उपबन्धों का पालन नहीं किया है और "क" तथा "ख" क्षेत्रों के संबंध में अधिकांश मूल पत्राचार अंग्रेजी में किया है ;

(घ) क्या वह भी सच है कि इन 12 संस्थानों के प्रमुखों ने कुछ अपवादों को छोड़कर राजभाषा के कार्यान्वयन में बाधायें डाली हैं ; और

(ङ) इस संबंध में स्थिति को सुधारने के लिये मंत्रालय कौन-कौन से विशिष्ट कदम उठाने का विचार रखता है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार): (क) और (ख) 27-10-87 को हुई वस्त्र मंत्रालय की हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति की बैठक में, मंत्रालय के नियन्त्रणाधीन 14 संगठनों में से तीन संगठनों के अध्यक्ष उपस्थित थे। अन्य संगठनों के अध्यक्ष अन्य महत्वपूर्ण निश्चित कार्यों/बैठकों, आकस्मिक कार्यों आदि जैसे कुछ अपरिहार्य कारणों से बैठक में भाग नहीं ले सके।

(ग) से (ङ) संगठन राजभाषा अधिनियम के प्रावधानों तथा हिन्दी के प्रगामी प्रयोग से संबंधित वार्षिक कार्यक्रम को कार्यान्वित करने के लिये निरन्तर प्रयास करते रहे हैं, ताकि लक्ष्य प्राप्त किये जा सकें। तथापि पर्याप्त प्रशिक्षित स्टाफ व यांत्रिक साधनों के और कुछ क्षेत्रों में व्यापार की विशेष अपेक्षाओं के अभाव में प्रगति धीमी रही है। मंत्रालय इस संगठनों से निरन्तर सम्पक बनाये रखता है और स्थिति को सुधारने के लिये उन्हें उपयुक्त सलाह देता है।

Jute price speculation

2449. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL;

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of the speculation of jute prices during the last six months (till date) and its impact on the jute industry in the country;

(b) in what manner the raw jute price speculations have affected the country in bidding for global tenders for jute goods to be floated by countries like Egypt and Sudan; and

(c) the measures contemplated by Gov ernment to check jute price speculation for revival of the Indian jute industry and also to bid for blobal tenders?